

## House Resolution No. 479

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to recognize those Show-Me State residents who have proven down through the years to be exemplary citizens in their local communities and neighborhoods; and

**Whereas**, John Runyon of LaBelle, Missouri, has earned distinction for the excellent manner with which he has wholeheartedly served his hometown and his nation in a wide variety of venues; and

**Whereas**, John Runyon joined the LaBelle Fire Department in 1945, after which time he joyfully accepted a series of increasingly responsible duties which began with the position of Firefighter and subsequently included the office of Battalion Chief; and

**Whereas**, with unquestioned civic commitment and leadership, John Runyon proved to be instrumental in the formation of the LaBelle Fire District in 1990 and assisted with the establishment of Fire Station Number 2 in 1994 in nearby Steffenville; and

**Whereas**, the LaBelle Fire District has demonstrated growth and progress thanks in large measure to the diligent work and dedication evinced by John Runyon as a valuable and involved member of the LaBelle community who was justifiably elated when the District was selected as Volunteer Fire Department of the Year 2000 by the Firefighters Association of Missouri; and

**Whereas**, John Runyon is married to Anna, an active member of the LaBelle Fire Department Auxiliary who is exceptionally proud of her husband's other achievements as a three-year veteran of the United States Army with service as a combat engineer in Europe, a seventeen-year employee with Hamilton Motor Company of LaBelle, and the self-employed owner/operator of Runyon's Garage from 1962 until his retirement in 1990:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the fifty-eight years which John Runyon devoted to the LaBelle Fire Department and to convey to him this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and best wishes as he continues to make LaBelle his home; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for John Runyon of LaBelle, Missouri, as an expression of our respect and gratitude for all of his invaluable civic contributions.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Brian Munzlinger  
District No. 1

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 479, adopted February 25, 2003.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker